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What is claimed is:
Patent Claims

Comprising:

1. (Amended) An insulation displacement contact, for example for terminal strips, which has a slotted, sprung contact region as a contact-making slot (2) on a connecting bracket (1), which contact region is surrounded and reinforced by an outer spring clip (3), characterized in that ^{wherein} the spring clip (3) is designed to form ^{forms} an insulation displacement blade (4) in, at least one end region, with the cutting blade (4) on ^{at least one} end region or regions forming an entry region which is capable of cutting and is located in front of the contact region.

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2. (Amended) The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ^{wherein} the contact-making slot (2) is designed with ^{includes at least one} blunt contact ^{zone} in order to protect a conductor core.

3. (Amended) The insulation displacement contact as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that ^{wherein} the spring clip (3) and cutting blades (4) ^{blade} are formed from suitably hard material, and ^{wherein} in that the contact region (6) is formed from electrically highly conductive material.

4. (Amended) The insulation displacement contact as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that ^{wherein} each connecting bracket (1) forms a contact-making slot (2) at each of its ends.

5. (Amended) The insulation displacement contact as claimed in one of the preceding claims, ^{claim 1} characterized in that ^{wherein at least one} the spring clip (3) and/or the connecting bracket (1) are designed such that the limbs of the spring clip (1) secure the contact-making slot (2) in its position.

6. (Amended) An insulating displacement contact as claimed in one of the preceding claims, ^{claim 1} characterized in that ^{wherein} the